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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 1008, S-98

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING HIS EXCELLENCY JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE COUNTRY'S HOSTING OF THE WORLD EXPO 2002.

Introduced by Councilors GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, JESUS C. SUNTAY, WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO, ANTONIO L. SIOSON, VINCENT P. CRISOLOGO, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, GEORGE M. CANSECO, MA. FRESCA M. BIGLANG-AWA, WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, MARCIANO P. MEDALLA, ENRICO S. SERRANO, ERIC Z. MEDINA, JORGE L. BANAL, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, MICHAEL F. PLANAS, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, ANTHONY C. CASTELO, FERNANDO V. AVANZADO, NANETTE CASTELO DAZA, MARCEL C. RILLO, RAMON G. MATHAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, BAYANI V. HIPOL, MARVIN C. RILLO and ALMARIO E. FRANCISCO.

WHEREAS, on June 5 1998, the 84 member-countries of the Bureau Internationale des Expositions (BIE) voted 43 - 35 in favor of Quezon City, Philippines over Brisbane, Australia to host the World Expositions 2002.

WHEREAS, the country's hosting of the World Expo of 2002 will ultimately propel the Philippines and Quezon City into international prominence and the world market, will provide our youth an alternative and balanced mix of education, exposure to different cultures and entertainment, and serve as a showcase of sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the hosting of the World Expo 2002 will provide other significant opportunities for local and international trade, tourism and employment; an innovative approach that will extend beyond the preparation, construction and maintenance of the exhibition pavilions;

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of staging the World Exposition of 2002, which has been pegged at One Hundred and Sixteen Million Dollars (US \$116,000,000.00) has received a resounding outpouring of support and commitment from the private sector, who will shoulder sixty percent (60%) of the exposition cost;

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WHEREAS, on September 25, 1998, news broke out that the President decided to withdraw from hosting the World Exposition on account of the fact that the perceived crisis has already adversely affected the Philippine economy and on account of the need to prioritize the limited financial resources of the government to more urgent domestic projects and programs;

WHEREAS, despite the recent slump in the economy and other factors which seem to hamper the successful staging of the world exposition the indigenous Filipino trait of resiliency, should rally the people together to hurdle seeming insurmountable difficulties;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines, as a member of the community of Nations, must abide by its international commitments and rise above the challenge of staging the World Exposition of 2002, failing which, would result to a tremendous loss of goodwill;

WHEREAS, the rare honor and privilege should be the common denominator by which the Filipino Nation should grab at this opportune time;


WHEREAS, by reason of international comity, we are expected to abide by the commitments we have made to host the World Exposition of 2002 and an opportunity to catapult not only the country but Quezon City, as well into the limelight of international tourism, trade and expositions;

NOW, THEREFORE,

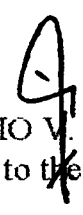
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, His Excellency President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, President of the Republic of the Philippines, to reconsider his decision to withdraw the Philippines hosting the World Exposition of 2002, to be held at Quezon City.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President, Malacanañg Palace, Manila, for His Excellency President Joseph Ejercito Estrada's information and guidance.

ADOPTED: September 29, 1998.


CONNIE S. ANGELES
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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